

Sessions Amendment No. 2054, to provide for a study and report regarding Federal student loan disbursements to students attending foreign schools.

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Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 2044, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

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Gramm Amendment No. 2055 (to Amendment No. 2044), to preserve the freedom and constitutional rights of firefighters, law enforcement officers and public safety officers.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2001, where Senator Gregg and Senator Landrieu will be recognized to offer certain amendments with votes to occur on, or in relation to, the amendments.

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**Appointments:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 81–754, as amended by Public Law 93–536 and Public Law 100–365, appointed Senator Dodd to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, vice Senator Jeffords.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

15 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring June 19, 2006. (Reappointment)

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11296.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### STEM CELL RESEARCH

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the progress in making stem cells available to federally-funded researchers, after receiving testimony from Wendy Baldwin, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Bert Vogelstein, Johns Hopkins University Oncology Center and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Biological and Biomedical Applications of Stem Cell Research Committee of the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine; James Thomson, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine/Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, and Carl E. Gulbrandsen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, both of Madison; Martin Pera, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia; and Joseph Itskovitz, Technion—Israel Institute of Technology and Rambam Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Haifa, Israel.

### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded oversight hearings to examine financial innovations for improving the utilization of available drinking water and wastewater infrastructure funding, focusing on who is developing and using these innovations, the relative effectiveness of each, and specifically, what role the federal government can play in promoting those innovations that are most effective, after receiving testimony from G. Tracy Mehan, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Stephen E. Howard, Lehman Brothers, New York, New York; Rick Farrell, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, and Peter L. Cook, National Association of Water Companies, both of Washington, D.C.; Harold J. Gorman, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; and Paul Pinault, Narragansett Bay Commission, Providence

Rhode Island, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Robert M. Beecroft, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Stephan Michael Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, William D. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Melvin F. Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy, and Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Mr. Minikes was introduced by Senator Specter.

## POSTAL TERRORISM PROTECTION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded joint hearing with the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services to examine the effects of terrorism on the U.S. mail service, focusing on safeguards to protect postal employees and its customers, after receiving testimony from Senators Clinton and Wellstone; Mitchell L. Cohen, Director, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Raymond J. Decker, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Maj. Gen. John S. Parker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; Ivan C.A. Walks, District of Columbia Department of Health, Washington, D.C.; Dan Hanfling, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia, on behalf of the Inova Health Systems Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Task Force; and Tara O'Toole, Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies, Baltimore, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment Safety and Health.